

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 1 and ending on line 15 of page 1 as follows:

A This application is related to Patent Application No. (~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ~~Attorney Ref. No. M-7166~~  
US ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~) 09/232,395, entitled "A METHOD FOR ROUTING INFORMATION OVER A  
NETWORK," having Zareh Baghdasarian, Vahid Parsi, Ali Saleh, and Michael H. Zadikian as  
inventors, filed on January 15, 1999. This related application is assigned to Cisco Systems, Inc.,  
the assignee of the present invention, and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.